IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound having the formula

wherein

 R_1 and R_2 , each independently, represent hydrogen or lower alkyl or acyl having 1-4 carbon atoms;

R' and R" represent hydrogen, lower alkyl or acyl having 1-4 carbon atoms, OH, alkoxy having 1-4 carbon atoms, thiol or thio ether, or amino, except that R" cannot be OH when R' is H,

or R' or R" taken together form a[n oxo (keto),] methano, thioketo, HO-N=, NC-N=, $(R_7R_8)N-N=$, $R_{17}O-N=$, $R_{17}N=$, epoxy, cyclopropyl, or cycloalkyl group and wherein the epoxy, cyclopropyl, and cycloalkyl groups can be substituted with lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons or halogen;

 R_6 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} each independently represent hydrogen, a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons, halogen, nitro, OR_7 , SR_7 , NR_7R_8 or $(CF)_nCF_3$ and exist only if the Z, Z', Z", Z'", or Z"" from which it originates is C, or each independently represent hydrogen or a



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lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons if the Z, Z', Z'', Z''', or Z'''' from which it originates is N, and where one of R_6 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} or R_{13} is X;

 R_7 represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbons; R_8 represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl having 1-6 carbons;

R, represents a lower alkyl having 1,4 carbons, phenyl, aromatic alkyl, or q-hydroxyphenyl, q-bromophenyl, q-chlorophenyl, q-florophenyl, or q-iodophenyl, where q=2-4;

 R_{17} represents hydrogen, lower alkyl having 1-8 carbons, alkenyl (including halogen, acyl, OR_7 and SR_7 substituted alkenes), R_9 , alkyl carboxylic acid (including halogen, acyl, OR_7 and SR_7 substituted alkyls), alkenyl carboxylic acid (including halogen, acyl, OR_7 and SR_7 substituted alkenes), alkyl amines (including halogen, acyl, OR_7 and SR_7 substituted alkyls), and alkenyl amines (including halogen, acryl, OR_7 and SR_7 substituted alkenes);

 R_{18} represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl having 1-4 carbons, [halogan,] halogen, nitro, OR_7 , SR_7 , NR_7R_8 , or $(CF)_n$ CF_3 , except that when R' and R" taken together form OH-N= or R_{17} O-N=, then R_{18} cannot be OH;

X is COOH, tetrazole, PO_3H , SO_3H , CHO, CH_2OH , $CONH_2$, COSH, $COOR_9$, $COSR_9$, $CONHR_9$, or COOW where W is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, and where X can originate from any C or N on the ring;

Z, Z', Z", Z"' and Z"", each independently, represent C, S, O, N, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, but is not O or S if attached by a double bond to another such Z or if attached to another such Z which is O or S, and is not N if attached by a single bond to another such Z which is N; and

n = 0-3.

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3. (Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of

4-[1-(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl)ethenyl] benzoic acid,

4-[1-(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenýl)cyclopropyl] benzoic acid,

[4-[(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl)carbonyl] benzoic-acid,]

4-[(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl) carbonyl] benzoic acid oxime, and

4-[1-(2-methyl-4-t-butylphenyl)carbonyl] benzoic acid methyloxime.

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